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EC DELEGATION (LENG) PRESENTED EC COMMISSION NOTE TO
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DEPARTMENT (RPE, BEAUDRY) REQUESTING THAT US TREASURY
DISCONTINUE ITS ANTI-DUMPING INVESTIGATION OF WIRE ROD
IMPORTS FROM FRANCE AND THE U.K. UNDER THE GEORGETOWN
STEEL COMPLAINT. TEXT OF NOTE FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. THE DELEGATION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT

OF STATE AND HAS THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE PENDING ANTIDUMPING INVESTIGATIONS ON U.S. IMPORTS OF STEEL FROM THE COMMUNITY.

SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TRIGGER PRICE MECHANISM THE COMMUNITY HAS ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS URGED THE U.S. AUTHORITIES TO TAKE THE REQUIRED STEPS TO SEE THAT THE VARIOUS ANTIDUMPING PROCEDURES DATING FROM BEFORE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE TRIGGER PRICE MECHANISM BE BROUGHT TO AN END. THIS WAS ONE OF THE MAIN POINTS MADE BY THE COMMISSION DURING THE HIGH LEVEL CONSULTATIONS ON MAY 25-26.

THE COMMUNITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL STEEL COMMITTEE HAS BEEN MADE THROUGHOUT ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION WOULD BE FOUND REGARDING THESE ANTIDUMPING CASES.

IN VIEW OF THE APPROACHING DEADLINES, AND IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE COMPLAINTS HAVE NOT BEEN WITHDRAWN, AS WE HAD BEEN ENCOURAGED TO HOPE WOULD BE THE CASE, THE COMMISSION SUGGESTS THAT THE EXISTENCE OF THE TRIGGER PRICE MECHANISM JUSTIFIES THE USE BY THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY OF HIS AUTHORITY UNDER THE ANTIDUMPING ACT, THE RELEVANT CUSTOMS REGULATIONS, AND PAST PRACTICE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISCONTINUE THE TWO ANTIDUMPING INVESTIGATIONS CONCERNING WIRE ROD FROM THE COMMUNITY AS WELL AS THE PENDING DUMPING CASES FILED BY ARMCO STEEL AND NATIONAL STEEL. THIS FURTHERMORE WOULD BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE 5 (C) OF THE ANTIDUMPING CODE.

THE DELEGATION AVAILS ITSELF OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE.

LENG'S ORAL PRESENTATION WAS LOW-KEY AND GENERALLY PARALLELED POINTS MADE IN NOTE. HE DID POINT OUT CONNECTION BETWEEN US ACTION ON PRE-TPM ANTI-DUMPING CASES AND FUTURE OF INTERNATIONAL STEEL AGREEMENT, EMPHASIZING THAT LINKAGE WAS IN NO WAY A THREAT, BUT SIMPLY A FACT OF LIFE GIVEN STRONG VIEWS OF "ONE OR TWO OF OUR MEMBER STATES". EARLIER DEMARCHE WAS MADE TO TREASURY UNDERSECRETARY SOLOMON BY EC HEAD OF DELEGATION SPAAK. VANCE

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